

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device equipped with a substrate (1) having a surface, a metallic structure (5) incorporated into the substrate (1), and a layer assembly on the surface of the substrate (1), the layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode (2), an electroluminescent layer (3) and a second electrode (4), wherein the metallic structure (5) is in electrical contact with the first electrode (2), and the a layer resistance of the metallic structure (5) is lower than the a layer resistance of the first electrode (2), characterized in that wherein light travels through the first electrode and the substrate to an observer, and wherein a width of the metallic structure (5) covers that obstructs the light from the viewer is not more than 10% of portions of the surface of the substrate that are in contact

with the first electrode.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the wherein a layer thickness of the metallic structure (5) is greater than the a layer thickness of the first electrode (2).

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the metallic structure (5) exhibits a structure selected from the group of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.

6. (New) The electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a pattern of the metallic structure matches an existing pattern in the layer assembly.